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Marginal Column

By John F. Reynolds

THE advocates for using the atomic bomb have received strong support from General James M. Gavin, member of the U.S. Secretary of Defense, General Gavin's proposals have caused renewed alarm in London. He proposes using the relatively old-fashioned Hiroshima bomb not against civilian populations, but against massed enemy troops in the field. He estimates that this bomb, dropped from an altitude of only 3,000 feet, can wipe out a whole enemy division. Furthermore, he estimates that the radioactivity in the wake of the bomb would linger only a matter of minutes, thus enabling troops to go forward after only a short time.

General Gavin also estimates that one bomb is equal to 8,000 medium artillery shells per square mile. He writes:

The traditional Soviet tactic of sending waves and waves of men and tanks to the front is still employed, not only by the Soviet Army itself, but also by its satellites. The tactic is tactical because it is possible to deliver it in a single blow.

POSTSCRIPT: Atomic bombs of the Hiroshima type have been sent to American bases not only in the Far East, but also in Europe, especially in Italy and France.

At 7:30 each morning the German-armed forces in front of the white government buildings in the Berlin suburb of Pankow snap to attention while three long, sleek cars glide into the courtyard. The three men whose job it is to transform the Communist People's Police in Eastern Germany into an efficient war machine have arrived. They are responsible only to General Vassili Chulikov, Soviet C-in-C in Germany, and Walter Ulbricht, personal friend of Stalin and known as the German Lenin. No. 1 is Kurt Maron, 42, Lieutenant-General, one of Hitler's back-

bone men. He received his post-war training at the Ministry of State Security in Moscow. He is very proud of his new black uniform with shining silver buttons, almost identical with that of Hitler's SS Elite Guards. After his return from Moscow and before he was appointed C-in-C of the People's Police, the Russians made him a City Councillor in Berlin. To prove that he was a true working-class man he attended all meetings of the City Council minus tie and collar until he was told that for the past ten years Communist top officials always appear in neat, double-breasted light suits. He quickly ordered half a dozen, but received instead the black uniform of a Police General. No. 2 is Wilhelm Zalsaker, also known as General Gomez of the Spanish civil war. He is Minister of State Security, surrounded by ex-Gestapo experts, and he is also in charge of army training and head of the political commissars attached to each army unit. No. 3 is, again, a well-tried Hitler General. His name is Kurt Hoffmann, his official title is that of an Inspector General, and he is, in fact, head of the new East German War Office.

Practically all the key posts in Stalin's Red Wehrmacht are held by former Hitler Generals. Step by step the Soviets are re-establishing the old German High Command—with the same people, same uniforms, same language, same customs. Ex-army officers in the West are watching the process with great interest. They are fascinated. Today, the People's Police numbers about 120,000 men, recruiting is in full swing, new barracks are built all over the country. Russian manuals are translated, and printed at top speed. Next autumn, the Red Wehrmacht will have swelled to something like 400,000 men. At the beginning of December, 200 ex-Luftwaffe men passed their final examination after a thorough training on Russian-made jet fighters. They will form the core of the new People's Air Arm which will be equipped with Soviet MIG-15 jet fighters.

BENELUX, the first European attempt to form a customs union between Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, is in trouble owing to Dutch payment difficulties and existing Benelux agreements may have to be suspended "for the time being," meaning, in fact, for good.

Gov't to Discuss Maimon's Threat To Resign

The position of Rabbi J.L. Maimon, Minister of Religious Affairs, who left a Cabinet meeting in protest during a discussion of religious education in the midbarot last Wednesday, will be considered at a meeting of the Cabinet to be held today.

It is understood that Rabbi Maimon has signed a letter of resignation, but that it has not yet been presented to the Cabinet.

"I am not going to attend tomorrow's meeting of the Government," Rabbi Maimon said last night in a telephone conversation with The Post.

He added that he wished to retire from the Cabinet because the Government had failed to give religious education to *ma'abarot* children from the Yemen.

While Rabbi Maimon insisted that he would not continue in the Government, other members of the Orthodox Bloc, including the Minister of the Interior, Mr. M. Shapira, and the Minister of Social Welfare, Rabbi I. M. Levin, are thought to be of the opinion that Rabbi Maimon's threat to resign, made at the Cabinet meeting last Wednesday, was not justified, and that he will return to his post.

LEVY CLAIMS HE WAS PROMISED MAYORALTY

HAIFA, Saturday. — While speculation concerning Rabbi Maimon's threat to leave the Government was still rife, Mr. Shabbetai Levy, the outgoing Mayor, told press representatives here that he was in possession of a letter from Mr. Behor Shitreet, Minister of Police, stating that Mr. Shitreet undertook to resign unless Mr. Levy remained Mayor of Haifa.

Mr. Shitreet's statement, the Mayor said, was in the Cabinet.

Mr. Levy claimed that various members of the Government, including the Prime Minister, had assured him of their support for his candidacy, both before and after the elections.

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India Upsets Defence Plans

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — India's quest for a neutral position in world affairs is causing grave fears today among Defence Chiefs of the British Commonwealth. The possible role of India's 340-million people in any future war has become the main—though publicly unmentioned—concern of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference now under way here.

India wants to get along with both East and West. Yet many strategic planners think that without India's manpower and air power, the non-Communists could not hold Southeast Asia, and without India's backing, some feel it would be difficult and perhaps impossible to hold the Middle East.

India is thus regarded as vital. Yet it has become known that Shri Nehru came to the London Conference only on the understanding that India would accept no role in Commonwealth defence or sacrifice her neutrality.

The Indian position was presumably discussed today at an informal conference of leaders of the non-Asiatic Commonwealth nations. They met the British Defence Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser, First Sea Lord.

British Dependence. Britain, for more than a century, has defended the Middle East with its base of India and its control of vital supply routes, with Moslem and Hindu troops from the India, subcontinent. Southeast Asia with its precious resources of rubber, tin and other raw materials has been protected in the same way.

India would like to go on depending on her two great Asian partners—Pakistan and India—for the defence of these vital areas.

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He is expected to make it clear that under these commitments, the U.S. would not only defend Western Europe if attacked, but would also assist nations now to build up their defences and contribute U.S. forces to the integrated North Atlantic army in Europe.

Portugal Signs Treaty with U.S. LISBON, Saturday (Reuter). — Portugal and the U.S. today signed an agreement on mutual assistance for defence similar to the agreement the U.S. has already signed with North Atlantic Treaty countries.

Syrians Fire Again On Ein Gev Settlers

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Fifteen persons from Ein Gev, who were hunting in the demilitarized zone south of the settlement, were met this morning by automatic and rifle fire from the direction of Kfar Harab in Syrian territory.

The hunters withdrew and no casualties were sustained.

The incident has been referred to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Chinese Close In on Key City Of Wonju

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — An all-out Communist onslaught against the centre of the U.N. line in Korea today partially surrounded the vital road centre of Wonju, 65 kms. south of the 38th Parallel, but contact with U.N. troops was light, according to a pooled dispatch.

Communists, estimated at 200,000 troops and comprising four divisions and elements of a fifth, fought savagely to cut off the main body of U.N. troops now "somewhere south of Seoul."

In some sectors, they had penetrated to 70 kilometres south of the 38th Parallel, "successfully cleared up" an action against between 3,000 and 4,000 Communists, an U.N. Army spokesman announced.

The Wonju airstrip was still in U.N. hands, reports from the front stated. Earlier today, a Tokyo spokesman said it had been abandoned and the Suwon airstrip, 30 kms. south of Seoul, given up.

Despite cloud and snow surges, fighter bombers attacked Communist air fronts today.

U.N. troops south of Seoul maintained their defensive positions with only minor enemy contact reported. General MacArthur's communiqué added that the U.N. forces in the same area "executed an orderly withdrawal to prepared positions."

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In the east, troops had "adjusted and improved their positions without affecting the Communist line," the statement added.

A North Korean communiqué stated today that Communist forces have occupied Incheon, port of Seoul. It said they had forced a crossing over the Han River and seized Kimpo, near the capital, now occupied by the Communists, said Incheon, Suwon, west of it, according to a TASS Soviet agency message received in London.

The Communists claimed the "complete liberation of the port and railway town of Chunchon," 150 kms. south of the 38th Parallel, and the occupation of Hwaseong, about 30 kms. farther southeast.

French Advance Toward China Border

TIENYEN, Indo-China, Saturday (AP). — French troops, clearing the coastal sector of North Indo-China, advanced toward the Chinese border today from the recaptured post of Chuphuan.

The fortress, which the French evacuated two months ago, was retaken yesterday in the face of light resistance. Details of the fighting are not yet known at headquarters.

Otherwise, the large-scale French sweep has been unopposed.

Truman Signs New Appropriations Bill

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Truman signed an emergency appropriations bill today amounting to nearly \$20,000,000.

It increased to approximately \$118,000,000 the total appropriations of the 81st Congress.

Of the total, \$17,000,000 was earmarked for the army, the navy and the air force, increasing to about \$40,000,000 the military appropriations for the fiscal year ending next June.

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Cease-Fire Group Approves Israel Plan for Korea Peace

Russia Against Truce While China Winning

By Jesse Zel Lurie, POST Correspondent

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — Dr. J.B. Katz-Suchy, of Poland, firmly rejected the Sharet-Eban peace plan adopted by the three-man truce commission as the sole remaining hope for a peaceful settlement in Korea.

The spokesman for the Soviet bloc made it clear that Russia was not interested in an unconditional cease-fire, while General MacArthur's forces are on the run.

There is no valid reason for doubting that Dr. Katz-Suchy also spoke for Peking but no one here knows for certain.

Some observers here still hold out hope that Mao will be amenable to a cease-fire now that he has eliminated MacArthur's direct threat to Chinese territory.

Whether or not the Israel plan, slightly modified to appease the Arabs and remove the "made in Israel" label, will be officially introduced by the truce committee at the next meeting of the Political Committee on Monday, depends on Shri Nehru. All three members of the commission have approved it but Shri Nehru has called Sir General Ban, to withhold further action until he has discussed it with other British Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

The following is a summary of Mr. A. Eban's speech to the U.N. Political Committee at Lake Success on Friday.

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LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — The three-man Cease Fire Committee is making a final effort this week-end, based on Israel's seven-point plan to secure a peaceful solution of the Korean conflict. In London, the Sharet-Eban plan was laid before the Commonwealth Conference prior to its presentation to the General Assembly here on Monday.

ISRAEL'S 7-POINT PLAN FOR KOREA

1. Immediate cease-fire; 2. Affirmation by all governments concerned of acceptance of the U.N. objective of free nation-wide elections to establish a unified and independent Korea;

3. Participation of representatives of states bordering Korea in the U.N. commission on Korea which will supervise elections and rehabilitation; 4. Agreement for the progressive withdrawal of all non-Korean troops within a defined period;

5. Initiation of reconstruction projects under U.N. auspices; 6. U.N. and Chinese guarantees that Korean integrity and independence will be respected by all states;

7. Declaration that upon acceptance of the above steps and agreement on their implementation, urgent consideration should be given to all questions respecting relations of Peking with U.N.

It is known, however, that the Arab states are anxious to see the return of the peace initiative to the Asian bloc and it is being said that they are trying to persuade the other members of the group to redraft their resolution on a general conference on the Far East as a substitute to the Israel plan.

Mr. Warren Austin of U.S. reaffirmed his government's determination to continue to fight in Korea. He said the U.S. was prepared to discuss settlement of the Korean question "at an appropriate time and in an appropriate form" if a cease-fire were first agreed upon.

On December 13 the Foreign Minister of Israel expressed our regret that the Indian initiative on the question of Chinese representation had not been approved by the Assembly as early as September 13.

We also regretted that there had not been more success in adapting U.N. military action against aggression in Korea to the paramount objective of avoiding any widening of conflict or any risk of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Eisenhower Begins European Tour

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower, North Atlantic Supreme Commander, was seen by President Truman in Washington today before flying here for a comprehensive "check up" tour of European Atlantic Pact countries before taking over his new temporary headquarters in a Paris hotel.

The Supreme Commander will consult with Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Western Union defence chief, a few hours after arriving at Orly field, near Paris, tomorrow, according to sources close to Western Union headquarters.

General Alphonse Juin, French Resident General of Morocco, is due here this week-end, and is also expected to confer with General Eisenhower.

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Knesset May Debate Citrus Situation

The crisis in the citrus industry is expected to come before the Knesset tomorrow.

On the agenda is a bill authorizing the Citrus Marketing Board to extend cultivation loans aggregating IL25,000 to the industry.

The Economic Committee of the Knesset has been meeting with representatives of all parties concerned, and their report may come to the floor.

Two bills are expected to become law this week:

- 1) Amendment to the Patents and Designs Ordinance giving the Government power to control patents and designs in times of emergency which the new law under the Defence Regulations of 1939;
- 2) Amendment to the Emergency Regulation (Development of Barren Land) permitting the Minister of Agriculture to delegate his authority in certain cases.

Speaking at the third annual luncheon given in his honour by the Editors Committee, Mr. Ben Gurion said that in producing newspapers editors should bear in mind that "each day was also a link in a chain of days."

The journalist and the politician had much in common, the Prime Minister said. The latter dealt with reaction to events, whereas the former dealt with the direction of events. Both could look upon occurrences of the day either as a separate entity complete in themselves, or endeavour to view them in their proper perspective, as resulting from what had gone before, and likely in turn to affect what was to follow.

Before 1948, Mr. Ben Gurion suggested, the first view might have been possible, as the world then appeared static. Today, however, it was impossible, in particular in a dynamic country such as Israel.

Mr. David Zaken, the new Chairman of the Editors Committee, and Mr. Yosef Hettim, President of the Journalists Association, welcomed the Premier. Among the guests were Mrs. Paula Ben Gurion, the Director of Information Services and members of his department.

Haifa Port Handles Record 1.3m. Tons

HAIFA, Saturday. - During the past year, Haifa Port handled the record figure of 1,300,000 tons of goods, of which about 86 per cent were imports.

In 1949, the quantity of goods handled was 900,000 tons. Of these, 88 per cent were imports. These figures were reported at the Israel Maritime League meeting yesterday by Mr. S. Golan, a Sole Boneh director, and Mr. M. Pomor, the League President.

FISH FROM NORWAY - A shipment of 500 tons of cod fish is due to arrive in Haifa about January 18, it is reported. The fish was shipped by the Norwegian Frozen Fish, Ltd. of Oslo, and payment was arranged in cooperation with the International Refugee Organization.

FINED FOR OFFENCE COMMITTED IN 1949 - TEL AVIV, Saturday. - Avraham Zirin, of Petah Tikva, was yesterday fined IL40 by the Anti-Profiters Court here for transporting melons without a licence.

THE OFFICE for which he was charged occurred on October 23, 1949.

CONTRACTOR NOT GUILTY TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITM). - Elias Viktor, contractor of Heredia, was yesterday found not guilty of a charge of building five houses near Heredia without a licence.

District Court Judge Y. Gavison found that the buildings had been put up outside the planning area of Heredia, and no licence was therefore required.

MAN'S BODY FOUND HANGING FROM TREE - Police discovered the body of a man hanging from a tree near the Ramle-Berz Yaseov railway junction on Friday. In his pocket the police found a Histadrut membership card in the name of Peretz Yosef, 50, of Ramle, as well as a letter in Spanish, the contents of which were not disclosed.

CROSSES LINES FOR FUNERAL OF BROTHER - An Old City Christian Arab, Mr. Saleh Halabi, was granted special permission by Israel and Jordan to cross into Israel to attend the funeral of his brother who died in Jerusalem last week, according to "Falastin."

New Civil Code To Be Ready In Five to Seven Years

TEL AVIV, Saturday. - A new civil code is now being prepared, and will be issued within the next five to seven years, Mr. Haim Cohen, Attorney-General and Director-General of the Ministry of Justice, told the press yesterday.

There is at the moment no intention of bringing out a similar criminal code. The existing laws will be brought up to date gradually, in accordance with current practice.

The new code will be based on Mandatory and Ottoman law, but will express the religious roots of Jewish life, Mr. Cohen said. The first part is ready and will soon be presented to the Knesset as a draft bill on inheritance.

This major task is being carried out by a committee of experts in various phases of law, under the direction of Mr. Uri Yadin.

The three volumes of Drayton's "Laws of Palestine" are now being re-translated into Hebrew by Mr. Meir Shelli, chief draftsman. Mr. Cohen explained that the original translation had been "terrible," being a literal translation of the English terminology.

The new work will be published completely within the next two years, but the first part will be issued within the next six months.

Orthodox Observe Christmas Today

The Orthodox Church is celebrating Christmas today. Nearly 200 persons crossed the lines yesterday to attend Christmas Eve services in Bethlehem. Most of the pilgrims, who had received 24 to 48-hour permits, were from Nanset, Lydda, Ramle, Haifa and Jaffa.

The pilgrimage to Bethlehem from the Old City left at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and was headed by a Greek Orthodox Bishop.

Services began at 10 o'clock in the evening in the Church of the Nativity and Radio Ramallah broadcast portions of the service between 11:45 and 1:15. The pilgrims are expected back in Israel today.

Russian Church Service Christmas Day

Christmas Day services are to be held at 8 o'clock this morning in the Russian Church in Jerusalem. No Mass was celebrated last night. The Y.M.C.A. was illuminated for the holiday.

Roman Catholic consular and U.N. personnel crossed the lines yesterday morning to attend the Feast of Epiphany services in St. Catherine's Church in Bethlehem. The group made the trip along the old Jerusalem-Bethlehem Road and returned to Israel in the afternoon.

The Feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus.

Kaplan to Serve in Lubianik's Absence

During the Minister of Agriculture's forthcoming visit to the U.S., his position will be filled by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, and not by Mr. I. Ephraim as reported in a Government announcement on Friday.

Mr. Ephraim will direct the operations of the Ministry.

Gift Texts For Schools Here

TEL AVIV, Saturday. - Israel is the 29th country to sign an agreement with C.A.R.E.-the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe-for the import of gift shipments of educational and technical books, according to Mr. Warren Lefort, C.A.R.E. Director in Israel.

This book programme, sponsored jointly by C.A.R.E. and U.N.E.S.C.O. will provide books for educational institutions.

Cold Storage Plant For Beersheba

BEERSHEBA, Saturday (ITM). - Hamshabir Hamer-kazi's cold storage plant in Beersheba will be opened next week. The store has a capacity of 100 tons, and will enable settlements in the Negev area to store their purchases and produce.

A conveyer left Hamshabir Hamer-kazi's store for Elath here last Wednesday, with the first load of stores to be sent to the cooperative shop at Israel's southern outpost. The store is due to be opened within the next few days.

SWEDS DROP CONGRESS VOTE

LONDON, Saturday (INA). - Acting under Herut threats to open a campaign against the Israel Government, the Swedish Zionist movement has agreed not to hold elections to the 23rd Zionist Congress, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the "Jewish Chronicle."

The parties have agreed to nominate one Mapai and one General Zionist delegate to the Congress.

Eleven Arms Budget Defeated by Senate

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). - The French Premier, M. Rene Pleven, late last night asked the National Assembly to confirm its vote of last Saturday in favour of a rearmament budget totalling 740 milliard francs and to ignore the Senate's refusal to vote the new taxation provisions totalling 140 milliard francs contained in the budget.

Speaking during the debate on the second reading of the rearmament bill, the Premier said "We must make sacrifices. Even the Swiss government has asked its citizens to pay higher taxes for national defence."

The Senate yesterday morning voted the expenditure side of the rearmament budget by 155 votes against 130 abstentions, but at the same time rejected by 173 to 131 the 140 milliard francs of new taxation.

In order to re-establish the position in the lower house and thus make the bill law, the Premier asked on the second reading of the rearmament bill last night for three confidence votes which will be taken on Monday afternoon.

The Chamber will be asked, to confirm the total rearmament and military defence expenditure of 740 milliard francs and to confirm the accompanying new taxation of 140 milliard francs.

To reject a Senate amendment which would have the effect of reducing the total rearmament to 600 milliard francs.

Lobby circles thought there would be no doubt that the Assembly on Monday would confirm its decision of last week in favour of the rearmament programme and the accompanying new taxes.

The Senate, which is practically powerless to do anything except express an opinion, was influenced in its rejection of the new taxes by a strong feeling among the Conservative and the de Gaulle members that the rearmament programme was too modest and the new taxation would be devoted to the only party to genuine rearmament.

Another trial is pending against Soroka for causing the death of another person in the same accident.

Driver Jailed For Causing Death

HAIFA, Saturday. - For the second time this week, the Haifa District Court imposed a prison term on a driver convicted of causing a fatal traffic accident.

Judge Dov Tobin sentenced Moshe Soroka, of Tel Aviv, to four months' imprisonment for "gross and grave negligence" in driving his truck too far towards the middle of the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway in August, 1949, and colliding with another truck.

The latter overturned and Avigdor Schwartz, a passenger of Tirt Hacarmel, was killed.

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Infiltrators Shot

HAIFA, Saturday. - Two infiltrators were killed in an exchange of fire between police and a band of infiltrators in the "triangle" yesterday.

Two Arabs were allegedly killed by Israeli guards on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem last week, according to "Falastin." One of them was shot while trying to enter the Hadassah University compound, the paper said.

His body was transferred to the Jordan delegates of the Mixed Armistice Commission by U.N. observers on Thursday, it was reported.

The second incident reportedly involved an Arab from Be' Hahsir who was shot and killed after he passed the compound, "Falastin" said.

\$35m. Agriculture Loan Signed

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). - The agreement covering agricultural credits of \$35m. extended to Israel last week by the Export-Import Bank, was formally signed yesterday by Mr. Herbert Gaston, president of the Bank, and the Israeli Ambassador, Mr. A. Eban.

Mr. Gaston expressed satisfaction with the manner in which prior credits have been utilized to promote Israel's economy. He voiced his confidence that the new credits would solve critical production needs.

Mr. Eban said the credits would enable swift progress to be made in food production and the consequent permanent improvement of Israel's balance of payments.

The first order placed under the new loan, will be for fertilizer plant, irrigation equipment and livestock, it was announced.

Iraq Asks Boycott Of Int'l Labour Group

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuters). - Iraq has suggested that the Arab states should boycott every regional conference of the International Labour Organization attended by Israel.

The Iraqi minister, Cairo, Nagib el Rawi, said today. After seeing Ibrahim Faraj Bey, acting Egyptian Foreign Minister, he said Iraq had sent a note to the Egyptian government suggesting a meeting of Arab states to discuss attending the regional conference of the Organization opening in Teheran on April 18.

NO TURK-ISRAEL PACT DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuters).

The Turkish Minister in Syria called twice at the Foreign Office here yesterday to deny reports that Turkey and Israel had made a military alliance.

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Syria Claims Plane Parts Seized Here

DAMASCUS, Saturday (Reuters). - Syria has asked ten cases of aircraft spare parts being transhipped to Syria from the United States, the Syrian Premier, Dr. Nazem el Kudai, told Parliament here last night.

The Government had asked the Syrian Minister in Washington to enquire and protest to the United States, he added.

I.P.O. To Get Keys to Capital

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UPI). - The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will give its premiere concert here tomorrow night before an audience of ambassadors and top-ranking U.S. officials.

The Orchestra will be granted the Freedom of the City in the afternoon, when the musicians will be greeted by Washington officials on the steps of the District Building.

Members will be escorted to the District Building by a squad of motorcycle police.

In addition to distinguished officials who plan to attend the concert, hundreds of music-lovers from cities all over the East have bought tickets.

In honour of the tour, New York's Mayor Impellitteri has proclaimed Monday as "Israel Institutions Day."

France Delivers Note On Germany to USSR

PARIS, Saturday (Reuters). - France was expected to publish momentarily her reply rejecting Russian charges that she had violated the 1944 Franco-Soviet treaty by her occupation policy in Germany and her agreement to German rearmament.

(Britain's reply, which was also said to reject Soviet charges that she had violated her 1942 treaty with Russia, was expected to be made soon).

The French ambassador in Moscow, M. Yves Chataigneau, delivered his government's reply to the Soviet note of December 16 to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky yesterday, it was officially stated here.

(Half an hour earlier, M. Vishinsky received the British Minister in Moscow, Mr. John Nicolls).

According to usually well-informed sources here, the French note was expected to declare that Russia had started German rearmament in Germany's eastern zone.

AUSTRIAN PENSIONS FOR ISRAELIS

VIENNA, Saturday (INA). - Negotiations between the Israeli Consulate here and the Austrian government on the payment of state and private pensions to former Austrian citizens forced to leave after the Anschluss and now residing in Israel, are reported by the Consul, Mr. Arieh Eshel, to have been conducted in a "friendly spirit." He predicts "positive results."

DIM-OUT IN BRITAIN DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE

LONDON, Saturday (AP). - In a return to wartime restrictions, Britain tonight banned all advertisement and display lighting in an attempt to preserve her dwindling supply of precious coal.

A ban on oil and candles has also been made to forestall a run which would lead to shortages.

Proposals to curtail railway services are being considered.

Azzam on Moslem-Christian Alliance

ROME, Saturday. - Azzam Pasha, Egyptian Secretary General of the Arab League, said in an interview with the Italian right-wing newspaper, "Il Tempo," yesterday that "a spiritual alliance between Christians and Mohammedans could be an immense force for peace."

He denied that the alliance he sought would be aimed "against the Jews of Palestine." "This week closed long before the existence of Israel. We want good relations not only with Roman Catholics, but with members of all religions, including Jews. It just so happens that it is easier to deal with Catholics through the Pope, and 450m. Catholics and 450m. Moslems together make up half of the world's population."

"I would visit the Pope of the Jews too, if there were one, even though I would not visit Ben Gurion since that would be a different thing."

"I go to see the Patriarch of the Coptic Christians in Egypt twice a year and kiss his hands for instance."

Azzam Pasha, who was received during his Rome visit by Pope Pius, President Luigi Rinaudi, and many political leaders, said the new Libya would not be admitted to the Arab League until it is "a really sovereign and independent state and not a satellite of foreign countries."

Burma Mutineers Surrender

RANGOON, Saturday (AP). - The Burmese government announced today the mass surrender of 500 army deserters who took part in the Army mutiny of 1948.

At the time, the Government had said that two battalions mutinied, but the original figure of 2,000 deserters was later swelled by Karen riflemen and military policemen.

An official communique today reported strong rebel Karen action along the southeast Burma coast, where police reinforcements have been rushed to bolster the tottering government defence of Pawloo.

Mao Spring Offensive In Tibet Expended

CANTON, SINKIM, Saturday (Reuters). - Chinese forces now in Chamco, Eastern Tibet, may be planning a spring offensive on Lhasa, the capital, according to observers here.

They regard the reported arrival in Yatung on the Sikkim-Tibet border of the Dalai Lama (temporal and spiritual head of Tibet) as action taken in anticipation of such an offensive.

No authoritative information on the Dalai Lama's plans was available here.

According to reports reaching here, Tibetan Foreign Minister Kalam Lama and Supply Minister Alon Surhans are with the Dalai Lama.

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Cables in Brief

BRITISH Minister of National Insurance, Dr. Edith Summerville, is to visit Egypt on January 14 to study the development of social services there.

EGYPT - Mohammed Salah el-Din, Egyptian Foreign Minister, sailed for Alexandria from Venice yesterday aboard the liner, Esperia, on his way home from London.

EGYPT has just tried out near Alexandria a new type of artillery weapon which the Arab News Agency says is the heaviest in the Middle East.

DUBAI - Customs officers seized gold valued at thousands of pounds hidden in the crew's quarters of the British steamer, Karaka, yesterday. Detectives have been keeping tireless search for months trying to break a gold racket being worked between India and South Africa.

AFRICAN GUINIS - A 25-year-old woman of the African Toruba tribe in Lagos, Nigeria, gave birth to quintuplets on Friday, but all died shortly after delivery. They were a boy and four girls.

IRAQ is to build near Baghdad a radio transmitter, "40 times as powerful" as the present one, to broadcast on three short wavelengths.

BOMBAY Maccabi Association have presented the "key of Tel Aviv" to the Mayor of Bombay "as a symbol of the growing bond of friendship between India and Israel."

ARAB ARMIES STRENGTHENED

The Syrian army has been quadrupled in the last two years, Nazem el Kudi, Syrian Premier, claimed on Friday. At an extraordinary session, the Cabinet decided to allocate an additional LS.14m. for defence and strengthening the army further. Damascus radio reports. Part of the sum will be spent on "strengthening the frontier forces."

The Lebanese Premier and the Chief of Staff have announced that the Lebanese army is to be doubled. Military training is to be given in all schools and equipment is to be bought from the U.S., the radio also reports.

Despite the British decision to increase its annual contribution to the Arab Legion, Baghdad radio reports that opposition members of the Jordan parliament are demanding the resignation of all British officers, including the G.O.C., Glubb Pasha.

GAULEITER ESCAPES FROM ITALIAN CAMP

ROME, Saturday (INA). - Hauptmann Lauterbach, former Gauleiter of Westphalia, has escaped from an Italian detention camp for "undesirable aliens." He had been given permission to leave the camp for a few days but failed to return.

Before his arrest by Italian police last May, he was hiding in a Catholic institution and had been in touch with Italian fascists. It is thought that he has made his way into Lower Saxony in the British zone of Germany.

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P the hopes and prayers of millions of ordinary men and women everywhere count for anything, there should be no Third World War. Is it not the reason to be proud of the fact that her delegates in the assembly of nations are in the forefront of the efforts being made to preserve peace. But if war comes, can we doubt that Jews in undefended exiles will again be the first to suffer; and those who will suffer worst?

It is hideous enough to contemplate, with the two halves of the world clashing in battle, that Jews should be found fighting on this side and on that, haplessly constrained each to raise his hand against his brother for the sake of causes that are not his own. And as if that unwitting and unwilling fratricide were not sufficient horror, there may be only too many, in the anarchy and chaos which total warfare breeds, whose names are slowly but surely being awakened again to seek Jewish victims.

We dare not, then, blind ourselves to the dangers which already begin to crowd upon the Jews of Iraq, or to the frightening consequences which any sudden deterioration in world affairs might entail for other Jewish communities, and not only in the East. The Government and the Jewish Agency have a compelling and urgent duty to consider what this should mean in terms of quickened migration to Israel. Economic absorptive capacity has been the least of factors in determining our policy of redemption so far; now, more than ever, it will have to be disregarded, for the evacuation of a Galuth may be the only way of saving Jewish lives. We must answer the unspoken S.O.S. instantly and not reckon the cost. True that our economy is still unbalanced, and that fact and figures are chilling. A war fought for Israel's gates might be open to all in time of need for immigration free of the shackles of quotas in times of emergency. Each Jew whom we rescue for the State will in turn play a part in the salvation and preservation of the State. To that end, no self-denial should be too great, no action can be too speedy. If we fail to do our part, there may be no way of atoning later.

DIFFERENT countries have different ways of solving the housing shortage. England, for example, is littered with caravans, while the United States (use of the word "settlement" should not confuse readers into thinking that any sort of group work, except the drawing of water from the same source, is engaged in). A farmer lets out a field on little plots and allows each plot-holder to grow his own runner-beans, cabbages and geraniums. Little individual paths are made by hammering stones into the soft mud, and borders are neatly demarcated by trimmed halfbricks in geometrical lines and patterns. In due course, along comes the inspector, and declares the site insanitary, and painful litigation has to be catered into to remove the settlers. The caravans, which have long since lost their mobile function, have to be transported elsewhere. But nobody can stop them being lived in. The bearing of this news, shipped on our own housing predicament is not evident until we ask what happens to the many vehicles which are smashed in daily road crashes all over Israel. Corporations might designate sites, to which twisted buses and lorries could be dragged after being wrecked on the road battlefields. A decent bus without wheels could house two families. Prices for derelict vehicles would have to be strictly controlled, otherwise owners would find it to their interest to increase the present rate of road smash-ups, and would soon leave the country busless and lorryless.

MOSCOW RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

By a Special Correspondent

CHRISTMAS has been celebrated in the Soviet Union as usual, but the official state holiday was of course the first day of the New Year. There must be very few Russians indeed who did not listen to the bells of the Kremlin ringing in the New Year and the bass-baritone of Yuri Levitan, Radio Moscow's star announcer, saying solemnly: "S novim godom, tovarishchi! — A happy New Year, comrades!" Stalin probably celebrates the New Year in his resort at Sochi where he spends the cold winter months, the fishermen in Sachalin and Kamchadka celebrate the New Year too at Moscow standard time, although the sun has risen there already long ago. But it is of course Moscow, the heart of the Union, that matters, not Sachalin.

Moscowites have many subjects for small talk just now: the new skyscrapers in Smolensk Square and the new film on the life of Musorgsky, the death of Tairov (who was in disgrace for many years, and whose theatre had just been renamed), the mild winter in Siberia (only 30 centigrades below zero in Irkutsk) and the letter from the (boy) pupils of the Kurgan school, who had just complained to one of the central newspapers, that they intended to meet the girls from a neighbouring school to discuss Darwinism with them, when their teachers intervened and vetoed the contact. Was there any better proof, that Soviet education was returning to some mild form of coeducation after having adopted Prussian principles in 1943? And then there was the announcement of yet another big waterway connecting the Volga and the Don, and of course the elections; there have been half a dozen of them during recent weeks and there is another one to come (elections for the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR).

Ingenieur Kovalev of Leningrad has invented a new system for increasing productivity in the factories, and his name is slowly but surely replacing the once-famous Stakhanov. There are many new plays to be seen in the Moscow theatres, but the public, conservative as ever, prefer Scribe and Dumas père.

Attitude to War But overshadowing all social and cultural discussion and the small talk, there is the danger of war. Moscowites are perhaps less alarmed than other people; they have not been told of the contents of President Truman's recent speeches, and many other important world events. But they must have noticed some change in the party line as expressed

MUSICAL DIARY

THE second subscription concert of Michael Taube's Chamber Orchestra at the Ohel Hall on Wednesday was more attractive than the first concert so far as the programme was concerned. There are some shortcomings, however, which cannot be overlooked: the undisciplined behaviour of the orchestra, for instance. This should not be tolerated by the sponsors of these concerts, as it unquestionably influences the artistic standard of the performances. It makes a strange impression, for instance, when some of the young musicians appear late, and the concert is delayed by 15 minutes because other members of the orchestra decide to queue at the box-offices to get tickets for their relatives. And, finally, on an occasion where general harmony should prevail, it has a perturbing effect when some of the musicians play in shirtsleeves, others in pullovers and a third group in suits.

As far as the playing is concerned — we know we are confronted with an instrumental body which can only slowly be shaped into a homogeneous form. For the time being the orchestra's offerings are no more than fair and Walter Hautz, who played Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto, seemed unable to develop his talents as fully as he did at his solo recital some days ago. However, this time too, he offered a thoughtful and technically perfect performance.

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The Nightmare of Korea

By Michael Davidson, Cabled to The Post

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA (OFNS). — In this demented war, Chinese peasants mounted on ponies are advancing against mechanized troops; camel transport challenges terrific air power. Genghis Khan marches again in this atomic age, and pushes back his armored and radar-equipped antagonist almost with bare hands. It is terrifying to watch — and perhaps, perversely, like a joke in bad taste: for it seems to make the proudest ingenuities of modern progress look silly. To return to this war, after some months' absence, to the very place where one last, saw one's closest friends alive, to mud villages through which one accompanied the dismal retreats of July, does not induce amusing emotions.

And now, with the second evacuation of Seoul; with appalling flames, demolition and abandonment rising again, one feels almost pangs of despair; not despair because one is losing in battle again; but despair about the worthiness of the human race to survive. For to us here, the fall of Seoul, though militarily of little importance, seems symbolic: a sort of pronouncement of sentence, as if henceforth

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Wages, Defence, and Newsprint

By Gerda Luft

This week the Minister of Trade and Industry surprised the House with his demand for a wage freeze. Interest in the economic debate, which had flagged badly for more than three days, picked up after the Minister's statement.

Empty benches filled up and the demand for a reopening of the debate seemed justified to some extent, because for the first time it was concerned with an issue which will occupy the public in general and the government and Histadrut in particular during the coming months.

Wage Freeze Wanted
The Minister of Finance touched only in passing on the demands for wage increases in his speech. Those who listened closely and knew what was going on in the Mafal ranks, were well aware that Mr. Kaplan views the demands for higher wages very unfavourably; they realized, however, that he was unable to come out strongly against these demands. When he told the House in his closing speech that he had tried to persuade the party of the necessity of keeping wages steadily, he added ruefully that he did so with little success. Mr. Geri, who has no party politics to consider, was apparently determined to force the issue. He was much more explicit. His declaration that he would ask for legislation to freeze wages if the workmen do not undertake to do so voluntarily, not only created a sensation in the House, but may well force the government to clarify its position. The statement of a Mafal representative shows, however, that the party wants to let the Minister of Trade and Industry bear sole responsibility for the proposal, and the Prime Minister hastened to tell the House that Mr. Geri's demands were not made in the name of the Government. Thus the vital question of what will happen if the Histadrut enforces its demand for higher wages was asked in the Knesset but not answered. It will crop up again and there can be no doubt that Mr. Geri's bold step will be the curtain-raiser on many other debates on this topic in the House.

Civil Defence
The Prime Minister's speech on Israel's position in war comes as a kind of curtain-raiser too. The debate which followed it concentrated on details of the Civil Defence bill introduced by Mr. Ben Gurion. The main problem raised is certainly worthy of careful attention. The proposal made by Mr. Ben Gurion that Civil Defence should be headed by an Army officer was opposed by members who wish to make it a task for the civil population under civilian leaders. The threat of war and Israel's position in the Middle East will be discussed more fully in the debate on foreign policy which is scheduled after the return of the Foreign Minister. This time therefore a "dress-rehearsal" of a debate, which has become customary in the Knesset was avoided.

Israel's Press
The third point on the agenda, the supply of newsprint, was, of course, of special interest to the little army of press men who attend the debates of the House. It is one of the topics which has been on the agenda for months

and it needed increased pressure to make the House tackle the problem at last. Some interesting facts were revealed during the debate. There are today 17 dailies and some 200 periodicals in Hebrew, and 12 other languages, including English, Arabic, French, German, Yiddish, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Polish, Rumanian, Ladino and others. This is, of course, the result of the ingathering of the exiles and it is significant that almost all the speakers acknowledge that the only way to integrate the immigrants into the life of the country is to make available for them daily news in a language they are able to understand.

Freedom of Speech
The Minister's question whether we could afford so many newspapers today is not easily answered. Many members in the House are well aware of the danger of interfering with free speech which is closely bound up with the right to publish papers of every sort. The House could not, however, give an answer to the problem of how the foreign currency for paper is to be found, and Mr. Geri pointed out that at present it is not only a problem of paying for the goods, which are getting very scarce on the world market. These questions will have to be thrashed out in the committee to which they were transferred. It is all to the good that at least the Knesset has found the time to discuss this pressing issue. Not everyone is aware that Parliament itself will not be able to fulfill its purpose if the press is curtailed. But it is a pity that five months elapsed before the issue was put on the agenda. Five months earlier it would have been much easier to provide for the future.

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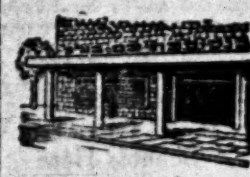
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